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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE, TOKYO, INFO SINGAPORE FROM
KUALA LUMPUR AUG 04:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 4522

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CONSUL BEING HELD HOSTAGE

1. RED ARMY GUNMAN INITIALLY REFUSED TO ALLOW TWO PERSONS
IN SWEDISH EMBASSY TO EVACUATE FLOOR ON WHICH CONSULAR SECTION
IS LOCATED, BUT HE HAS ASKED FOR TEN MINUTES TO THINK IT OVER.
IN TELEPHONE CONTACTS WITH GUNMAN, WE HAVE NATURALLY ATTEMPTED
OBTAIN ASSURANCES THAT PERSONNELL WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE
SAFELY.

2. CHARGE HAS BEEN CALLED TO MEETING AT 3:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME
IN PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE. JAPANESE FIRST SECRETARY TOMIKAWA,
WHO IS IN CHARGE OF EMBASSY IN AMBASSADOR SUMA'S ABSENCE,
WILL ALSO BE AT MEETING. JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS REPORTED DEMANDS
AND 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME DEADLINE TO TOKYO, BUT THUS FAR THERE
NO INDICATION OF TOKYO'S RESPONSE. DILLON UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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